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- 25X1 1. The senior authority within the Hungarian Ministry of Building is the "Central Administration". The departments subordinate to this Central Administration are divided into Planning Offices and Executive Agencies. The latter are responsible for carrying out the plans of the Planning Offices.
- 25X1 2. There are a number of these Planning Offices dealing with the various branches of Hungarian economic life. Thus, there is Iparterv, the Planning Office for Industry; Honvterv, for the War Industry; Mezterv, for Agriculture, etc.
3. The function of these Planning Offices is to draw up plans not only for projected new buildings, but also for the entire installations, technical equipment, furniture, etc. of those buildings. To perform this function they have large staffs of architects, building and constructional engineers, technical experts, etc. The staff of Iparterv totals 900.
4. Normally the function of Mezterv is to draw up plans for all forms of agricultural buildings - silos, granaries, mills, etc. Where new agricultural settlements are planned, they have to prepare the designs for these, including such buildings as children's homes, schools, etc.

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5. About a year ago this normal function of Mezőterv was extended to the inclusion of a series of top priority projects in the scientific, and particularly the medical and biological fields. Thus, the Office has been entrusted with the planning of a new penicillin factory at Debrecen, a serum or vaccine factory at Budapest, and a large Central Biological or Medicaments Institute. (See paragraphs 9 and 10 below).
6. Simultaneously with this new departure the staff of Mezőterv has been almost doubled. Today it employs some 400 persons who work from 7:30 am. to 8:pm. with only a half hour for lunch.
7. These new scientific assignments of the Office have been given priority over all other work, with the result that the normal agricultural work of the office has been largely neglected.
8. The head of Mezőterv is a certain Tábori (fnu).
9. The erecting of the "vast" Central Biological or Medicaments Institute (see paragraph 5, above), has received top priority.
 - a. The projected Institute has no official name, but on the basis of the equipment required, is known among the staff of the Planning Office as the Central Medicaments Institute (the Hungarian expression used is: Központi Gyógyszerészeti Intézet).
 - b. Unusual aspects about this project are the following:
 - (1) Usually it is the function of the Agricultural Planning Office to draw up plans for the building or buildings as well as the installations. In this case they have been specifically instructed to confine their plans to the installations.
 - (2) The site of the new institute is being kept secret. However, water sent to the Planning Office for testing, in connection with the planning of the water treatment installation came in carboys which had been shipped from Veszprém. This would indicate that the Institute is to be built in the Veszprém area.
 - c. The Planning Office has specifically been instructed to draw up plans for the following technical installations:

Steam, hot water, and electricity supply plants,
Air conditioning plant,
Water treatment plant,
Filtering plant,
Ultracentrifugal plant (of upwards of 50,000 RPM),
Refrigeration plant (down to 60 degrees Celsius),
Sterilization plant,
Bone meal (cadavermehl) extracting and processing plant,
Thermostatic vats,
Autoclave and stirring plant,
Large-size centrifugal plant,
Laboratory equipment (vacuum pumps, filters, etc.),
Heat measuring apparatus (within 0.2 degrees Celsius exactitude),
Automatic temperature regulating plant,
Purification and sterilization plant for waste water,
Laundry and kitchens.
 - d. The completion of these plans is likely to take at least until the beginning of September 1952.

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10. Another project of the Agricultural Planning Office is a new serum or vaccine factory to be built on an open site on Francia ut in Budapest. (See paragraph 5, above).
- a. The Planning Office has been told that this task is one of the utmost urgency, and there is talk of premiums being paid if it is carried out in record time.
 - b. The installations and technical equipment for this factory are to be identical with those supplied by the Basel firm of Bertrams to the Swiss Federal Vaccine Institute at 74 Hagenaustrasse, Basel.
 - c. The Hungarian factory will be slightly larger than the Basel Institute.
 - d. It will concentrate on the production of vaccines for foot-and-mouth disease.
 - e. It is likely to be several months before the Agricultural Planning Office will have completed the plans for the Factory.

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